SAC revises faculty evaluation form

By GOLEKANYE MOLAPISI
Staff Writer

The Student Administrative Council is going to revise a form to help evaluate faculty performance and conduct during class.

Jim Acsai, SAC president, said SAC will revise the existing continuing education faculty evaluation form and present it to the Board of Governors for approval.

Marc Sigouin, vice president for atheltics, said a survey must be carried out to find out the student response. He said if teachers do not show up for class, students should bring their complaints to SAC."Some part-time teachers only think about their jobs," he said.

Jim said some teachers miss class which is a disadvantage to students. When that happens students miss a lot of material vital to their course.

"Teachers should follow the schedule," Jim said. "If a teacher gives one test instead of four, some students will fail because they won't have a chance to make up in other exams."

Some teachers are part-time and have other jobs. Jim said some teachers use class time to mark exams instead of teaching.

SOME BETTER

He said although in some cases there is conflict of interest, "some part-time teachers who come from the work force, do a better job than trained teachers."

Jim said conduct of teachers should also be taken into consideration."I have already received a complaint from a student about teachers who use swear words in class," he said.

A subcommittee has been set up to review the faculty evaluation procedure.

Continuing education has a form which is filled out by students about their courses. Students respond to questions like, did the course live up to their expectations; was the course well organized; were the books or reading materials used appropriate to the academic level of the course; and was the instructor respectful to student viewpoints?

Students comment on the teacher-student relationship in class, the criteria used in grading, and whether the methods used were reasonable.

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Try harder, throw farther

Ralph Mancuso, a Niagara College custodian, has plenty to do at the Welland Campus without having to sweep up cigarette butts — especially when the barrel behind him has been placed there expressly for those butts. But that's what he was doing Wednesday afternoon in front of one of the Simcoe entrances. Could it be that everyone's aim is that bad? Surely that blue barrel marked "butts" is big enough to hit.

Photo by Virgil Klassen

Nobody knows troubles foreseen

By TONY POST
Staff Writer

Niagara College will be a drastically different place if the Planning, Research and Development Department is successful in having its Strategic Plan 1990-94 implemented.

"It's a fundamental departure from the way the college is presently run," Jon Ogryzlo, manager of planning, research and development, said.

Unlike the annual report to the Minister of Colleges and Universities, which outlines the activities of the college from year to year, the Strategic Plan is a positioning document for the next four years.

"It's a blueprint for the future direction of our institution," George Repar, director of planning, research and development, said. "It could be one of the milestones for this college."

The plan sets out a series of objectives based on ideas generated by staff through the Forums 2001, which were held last summer, and information obtained from surveys distributed to faculty last fall.

STUDENTS TOO

For example, the plan calls for 30 per cent of students to actively participate in college social and cultural activities. It is hoped this objective will be realized by 1993. Data for the present situation is not known.

"Once we get a picture of what the figures are now... those figures may be found to be a bit low," Mr. Repar said. The objectives may be changed as the plan is implemented.

Students will be given the opportunity to participate in the planning process. A survey is being prepared to determine what students think about the teaching/learning process. Once the results of the survey are known, the Strategic Plan may be changed accordingly. The plan will be reviewed on a yearly basis.

The plan faces some hurdles: apathy is a big problem. Only 25 per cent of faculty responded to the survey.

FROM STAFF

There have been similar plans in the past but this is the first based on the ideas, aspirations and priorities of staff. "All of us have to work together to make this one different from the rest," Mr. Repar said.

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MARY ANNE TOOMATH-SEPPALA

A decade of change

By VIRGIL KLASSEN
Staff Writer

The 1990s are going to be an exciting time for Niagara College, Mary Anne Toomath-Seppala, new chairman of Niagara College's Board of Governors, told the board at its first meeting of the new decade.

Mrs. Toomath-Seppala, elected chairman of the Board of Governors effective Jan. 1, 1990, gave her inaugural address to the board Jan. 25. She invited everyone at the college "to accept the challenges and share in the excitement of these changing times."

"All of us, board, administration, faculty, support staff and students, can set as our goal for the 1990s to be a good will ambassador for Niagara College, each in his of her own special way," Mrs. Toomath-Seppala said. "If we do this, in the spirit of collegiality, the next decade will surely belong to Niagara College."

HEAVILY INVOLVED

Mrs. Toomath-Seppala has been a board member since 1987 and has been involved in many college functions. She said the college must become more involved in the community it serves.

"It is critical that we create new partnerships and relationships that will enable us to obtain both financial and moral support from the communities for the valuable services we can provide."

Entering into partnerships with other educational institutions, industry, business groups not only strengthens the groups involved but benefits the whole peninsula Mrs. Toomath-Seppala said.

Education is a unique business that is evolving rapidly, Mrs. Toomath-Seppala said. "Niagara must plan for these changes and be flexible enough to adjust to the ever increasing demands."

Mrs. Toomath-Seppala takes over the position of Board of Governors' chairman from Bill Heelis, who stepped down at the end of 1989.

Fun for all

Activities in place for carnival week

The polar bear dip will be one of the main events in this year's winter carnival competitions. Trophies, jackets, hats, beer coolers and T-shirts will be won in the week-long competitins starting Feb. 12.

The competitions will start Monday with jello eating. A three-scavenger hunt will begin in the afternoon. Six people will make a team in the scavenger hunt, and the winners will get jackets.

The next day there will be a snow-pitch tournament, and a band in the afternoon.

On Wednesday there will be a winter golf tournament at the St. David's Golf Course, and a Valentine's pub at the Aqua Duck. The campus radio station will play records requested by students if they contribute $2 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. CRNC will play music to raise money for the foundation for the whole week.

Thursday will be the end of the scavenger hunt. In the afternoon some students will go to Nickel Beach near Port Colborne for the annual Polar Bear dip; others will attend the mini-pub, students will be entertained by a band of fellow students called Alchemy.

On the last day of the competitions, SAC will encourage students to donate blood during the blood donor clinic.

Marc Sigouin, SAC vice-president of athletics, said he is happy that SAC is sponsoring the events.

Some events like lawn tennis and table tannis will not be included because nobody has yet signed up.

Hundreds of Christmas trees burn to the ground as spectators watch during the annual Christmas tree burning at Fireman's Park in Niagara Falls. The yearly event is always a crowd pleaser with hay rides, hot dogs and tobogganing included in the festivities. Some of the leftover trees are ground into a mulch for gardeners, but most are set ablaze by the Volunteer Firefighters' Association of Niagara Falls.

Photo by Alison Olsen

Royal Canadian Legion to sponsor scholarship

The Royal Canadian Legion has agreed to sponsor a political science scholarship at Niagara College for the first time.

The Legion will provide $200 and a certificate, annually, to the student who receives the highest mark in any two political science courses. Legion President Bill Reid said his organization has always given scholarships to Welland high school students, and so was amenable when approached by Eugene Maltais, a Niagara political science teacher.

Mr. Reid hopes the recipient of the award "will recognize that the Legion sponsored them to further their education," and that "they may subsequently intend to become a Legion member."

Mr. Maltais said he approached the Legion "because of its historical involvement with war and the fight for democracy, and because it is non-partisan."

Political science instructors Thomas Busnarda, Alexandra Fic, Brian Keppy, and Mr. Maltais will all be involved in selecting the winner.

Eligible students include those enrolled in journalism-print, broadcasting: radio and television, law and security administration, general college, and human relations programs — all of whom take political science courses.

The Legion, which is basically a veterans' organization, assists the public by caring for veterans and their families, and runs social activities such as cribbage games, dart leagues, seniors' programs, and dances. Each year, it gives thousands of dollars to charities and children's groups, Lorna Hicks, Legion executive secretary, said.

The money for the scholarship will be drawn from Nevada funds, derived from the sale of lottery tickets. Provincial legislations state 75 per cent of this money must be donated to charity.

The scholarship will be presented at Awards Night in June.

Consider disabled in designs

Continuing education will hold two seminars on Feb. 27, dealing with problems of designing buildings and homes for wheelchair access, Noreen Carson, a development officer, said.

The two seminars to be held at Centennial Library, St. Catharines, will provide information on the philosophy and practice of barrier-free design to employers, facility managers, designers and architects.

The afternoon seminar will focus on commercial construction. Topics will include implications of the Ontario Building Code and the new Human Rights Legislation, barrier-free design principles, fire and safety planning, work station design and product specification.

The evening session will cover residential renovation, and is designed for disabled persons, their families and professionals involved in rehabilitation and renovation. The session will look into services available, personal assessment techniques, the process and red tape of home renovations.

The seminars cost $30 each and have limited enrollment. Registration forms and further information can be obtained from Mrs. Carson, at Continuing Education Services, Niagara College, 735-2211, ext. 510.

Programs and safety at next meeting

The next College Council meeting is scheduled for Feb. 13, 1990, in the staff dining room of the Black Walnut building, 3:30 p.m.

The Agenda will include the role of college council in the cancellation and introduction of programs, and Gary Guzda, plant and property, will discuss safety procedures and equipment, and the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS).

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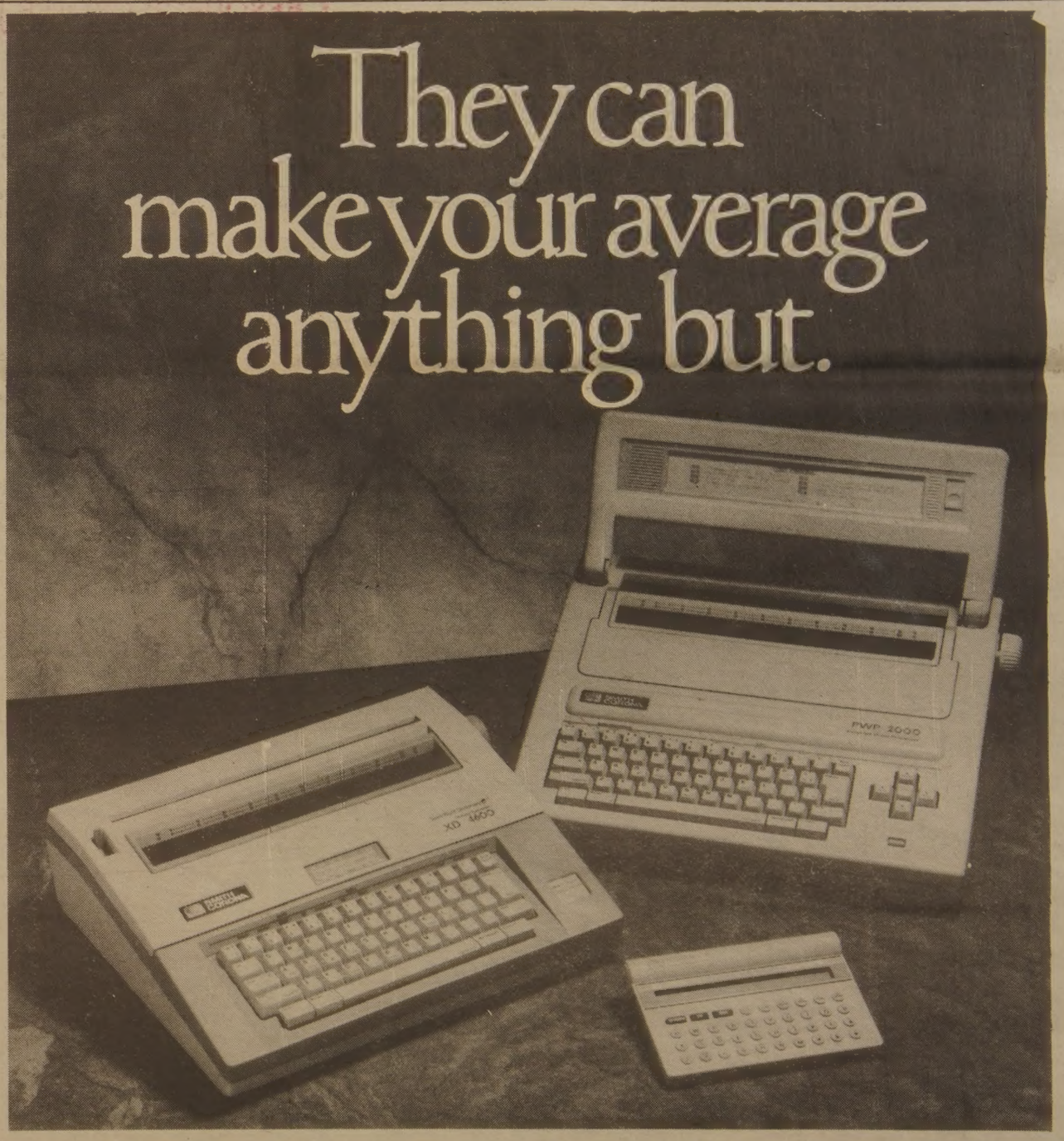

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Silent slumber !

The warm weather of the past week may be giving some the idea that spring and summer are soon to come, but alas, Mother Nature will throw in another curve as the year enters into its coldest month. But, not to dispair. Forecasters say the true warming begins after the next two weeks. Before we know it, all too soon we are back to this scene as Larissa languishes in autumn leaves ... or is it how time flies when we are having fun?

Photo by Lisa Choma

Proposal submitted

A proposal to form an "international students and assorted friends association" will be submitted to SAC tomorrow for consideration.

Andrew Amoah, a first-year journalism student steering the idea, said he obtained a copy of guidlines on the formation of SAC subsidiary clubs.

Under Niagara College SAC guildines, a subsidiary club "shall follow democratic principles at all times and will be indiscriminate to race, color, creed, religion, sex or economic status."

"This is an attempt to bring people together, not only international students, but also Canadian students who're interested in learning about their neighbors, and bringing together a more communal feel," Andrew said.

He has talked to a number of students about the formation of such an association, and everybody seemed interested in the idea.

The college has about 40 international students from four African countries, India, Hong Kong, Czechoslovakia, Antigua, Trinidad, Central American countries and Lebanon, as well as the United States.

"There is a good percentage of foreign students who're not only unfamiliar with Canadian culture, but also feel a little bit like fish out of water in a new college environment," Andrew said. "I thought there was a need for an interntional students and assorted friends association where cultures and people could meet."

Search for new president

The presidential search committee has almost completed the lengthy task of deciding what qualities the next president of Niagara College should have, Foster Zanutto, a presidential search committee member, said.

These qualities make up the presidential profile, and the search committee has been inviting suggestions from the college community and other people in the Niagara peninsula on what kind of president the college needs.

The presidential profile is expected to be finalized by mid-February, Mr. Zanutto said.

At its last meeting Jan. 30, the committee continued analyzing oral and written presentations from members of the college community, Mr. Zanutto said. It is still expecting input from local municipalitites, organizations, and individuals.

The committee wants to thank staff members who came out to the Tecumseh Lounge Jan. 19 to express their views on the next president, Mr. Zanutto said. "The committee found their candid and frank comments to be extremely useful."

Once the profile is finalized, George Enns Partners Inc., the consultants hired by the committee, will begin a Canada-wide search for people who meet the profile. The committee will recommend its top choices to the Board of Governors, which will make the final choice.

The search committee's schedule leads to the appointment of Niagara's new president on Sept. 1. Jacqueline Robarts, the current president, will be stepping down on Aug. 31.

Give blood

Feb. 16

Give life

Blood donor clinic coming Friday

By ELIZABETH YATES
Staff Writer

Every 20 seconds, someone in Canada needs blood.

"Blood is truly the gift of life," Eugene Maltais, chairman of the Welland branch of the Red Cross society, said. He is urging administration, faculty and students to turn out for the blood donor clinic Friday, Feb. 16, in the Mackenzie gymnasium.

People who rely on this "gift" include children suffering from leukemia, adults needing heart surgery, burn victims, car accident victims, and haemophiliacs. Leukemia patients require from six to eight units of platelets a day. A person with serious organ damage as might be sustained in an auto crash needs up to 100 units of blood. That person's only hope for survival is that 100 people with the same blood type have donated recently. And a woman suffering from a post-partum hemorrhage will need 20 to 100 units.

DEMAND RELENTLESS

The demand for blood is relentless — human crises are not seasonal, nor can those in need of blood wait for it. It has to be there for them immediately.

Those reluctant to give blood say they are scared of needles, don't have the time, don't have the blood to spare, or complain they are afraid of contracting AIDS during the donation.

Fear of needles seems rather insignificant when faced with the thought, "What if I needed blood and there wasn't any?" Donated blood may help friends, family, and possibly even yourself. And Red Cross nurses are so experienced that donors only feel a slight pinprick.

As to not having time to give — who doesn't have 10 minutes to spare? That is all the time it takes to complete a donation. Surely everyone at the college can set aside 10 minutes on Feb. 16 to give.

Everyone has more than enough blood to enable them to donate regularly. Research has shown that the body replaces the single unit of blood lost during a typical donation within 50 days — so a person can donate blood five times a year. Blood is not like money, or time, two fiercely guarded commodities in our society, for it can be replaced.

Perhaps the biggest obstacle preventing people from donating in the 1990's is the fear of contracting AIDS. Red Cross equipment is new, sterile, used once, and then discarded. In addition to these safeguards, new donors must complete and sign a short survey of their personal health and risk factors. So, one can safely donate without fear of infection.

WIN CUP

Niagara College students have an added incentive to donate in the form of the Corpsuckle Cup, awarded to the program year that donates the most blood on a percentage basis. The Cup is displayed permanently in the college library, and the winners receive an engraved plaque to hang in their hallway.

Donors are reminded to eat a good breakfast the morning of the clinic in order to maintain high levels of blood sugar. Refreshments will be provided afterwards.

The clinic, to be staffed by Red Cross and Pelham Ladies Auxiliary volunteers, will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. What are you waiting for? Be a blood donor!

College's image rated number one problem

By LISA CHOMA
Staff Writer

Improving the image of Niagara College received the highest rating in the Forum 2001 Survey, Jon Ogryzlo, chairman of College Council's Image Committee (CIC), reported.

"It is absolutely important that we do something about improving and rebuilding our image," Mr. Ogryzlo told the Council meeting in December. "Perceptions change rapidly, and this report strongly pointed that out."

The College Council is a "micorganism" of the college community, and it should be very much aware of its role in image building and how it is portrayed.

"In image, one of the critical things we found is it doesn't matter what we do; it's the perception that is important."

Findings in several image and market studies reported high average responses on outside appearance of the school, the quality of education in programs, level of respect for teachers, and teachers' concerns for students.

The lowest average answers were the public's present image of the college, the students' image of Niagara College, and the social atmosphere.

"Building a strong and vigorous image will take years; it is not something we can do overnight," Mr. Ogryzlo said. "Council can assist in image-buildiing through its actions, and be a role model for the community."

NO QUORUM

Tom Fraser, chairman, was concerned that there was not a quorum at the Dec. 12 meeting at the new Hospitality and Tourism Centre.

"The major problem is communication," he said.

Bruce Tallon, faculty member, said it is a story of "mismanaged communication".

"We do have persistence, and we do have the fact that most of us show up regularly," he said. "We are communicating something about our desire to be here through persistence. Concern alone is image-building."

Mr. Fraser said the College Council has now been in place for 12 months, and it is still trying to figure out what it is supposed to do, and how to do it — "whether anybody gives a damn whether we do anything or not".

"We have a group of people who are concerned about Niagara College — people who don't necessarily agree with each other — who find disagreement in approach and content, but we are a group concerned with the college. As long as we keep foremost in our discussions that what we are trying to do is improve Niagara College, then we should keep on doing that.

"We are neophytes. We will make mistakes. We will do the wrong things; we will do the right things, but we will do them for the right reasons."

Faculty member Tony Albano discussed the absence of students at meetings during the strike because of a "helplessness" they all felt, and said they were absent from this meeting for the same reason.

"They view this particular body of people as basically not someone who can effect any change, so why should they show up?" he said. "Whatever happens here will not change the perception of the Council body — the only way we can do that is by some of our recommendations taking effect.

Bette Ferguson, administration, replied that council recommendations are often passed, and Mr. Fraser agreed that if not for College Council, Niagara would not have a college nurse. (At its Nov. 30 meeting, the Board of Governors approved in principle reinstatement of the college nurse.)

Commenting that he was hearing a lot about "perception", Gordon Goulty, faculty member, said "Look! There is perception and there is reality. The reality is that top brass isn't here. If they cared, they'd be here."

The number one question at any gathering is who is attending, he said.

"Perception from management, I strongly suspect, is the College Council is a good idea," he said.

"Let them bump their gums; let them get rid of their hot air; let's take their recommendation; let's water it down," he said.

"By the time it gets to the Board, it is completely different from what it was when it started."

Editorials

Hazy confrontations
Whose rights superior?

Niagara's smoking policy is still smoldering — particularly at the bottom of the stairwells.

The once socially acceptable habit now graduates from outside entranceways to the foggy, infectious covens inside.

It does little good to complain, or to try to remedy the problem with butt cans alone. Those who choose freely not to conform to school policy are visibly not being deterred by the glares of others.

College council speaks incessantly about image building. If perception tells all, then one look from the community at large would be the spark to ignite the flame.

A famous U.S. journalist, A.J. Liebling, once said: "To insist on complete liberty for oneself is to diminish the liberty of another."

Just as smokers fight for the right to smoke, so do non-smokers fight for the right for a smoke-free environment. Can we compromise?

Loyalist College in Belleville is considering setting aside a room (with proper ventilation) for smoking use, as well as the installation of outside shelters.

Let us respect our alternate liberties; clear the haze and stench by providing shelters, and extinguish the matter.

Lisa Choma

College services gratis
Business reaps dividends

Niagara College, like many other post secondary institutions in this province, is wrestling with financial problems stemming from, among other things, the failure of provincial funding to keep up with inflation and increasing enrollment.

The college has proposed that it be allowed to sell off portions of its land to eliminate the budget deficit. Although this appears to be little more than a bargaining bluff designed to wrestle more funds out of college benefactors, college financing in general is due for a serious reappraisal.

The student and the government have long paid their share of the costs, but industry, for whom this elaborate system prepares workers with minimum training has been let off the hook for the costs of services rendered to them.

It could be argued that business pays taxes and, therefore, indirectly funds community colleges, but a more direct method of ensuring that industry hold up its responsibilty would not be out of line. The provincial government should examine ways to ensure that businesses that reap the dividends of the system pay for services rendered.

John Blackwell

Letters to the editor

Honor recipients anonymous

Dear Editor:

When I entered Niagara College in 1988 to fulfil a career choice in social services, I had dreams and personal expectations to try and perhaps be one of the best. This dream was stirred by seeing names posted in bold white print in the corridor of the Simcoe wing.

In the fall of 1989 I received a letter stating I made it, but have not seen any recognition throughout the college. There are no computer printouts stating who, if any, other people made it and no bold print.

I personally feel having your name open to public viewing to show how hard you have tried is an honor and should be treated as such! I have approached various offices and perhaps someone will be able to answer me.

Another grave concern of mine is why there is no public knowledge of various awards available, and who are these people who win these awards.

I do realize our co-ordinators should supply the information on these awards to each program in the college, but shouldn't the option of knowing what is and is not available to apply for be left up to the students of the college?

I have also learned that it is no longer the co-ordinators of each program who have the say as to who is in need but it is left up to a governing body which, in my opinion, does not know which students are in dire need of these awards.

This college needs to be proud of its name and gain recognition for its students as well as the system itself. In a society where educational achievement is in the forefront, why is Niagara dragging its feet?

Be proud of your students and their achievements and let the secret out! Also, let the student body decide if they can or will apply for these various awards, whatever they may be.

Michael Shewan
Social Services

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International appeal

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Educational Foundation for Foreign Study, I would like to express my appreciation to your paper, and specifically to your staff writer, Baaitse Molapo, for the accuracy and thouroughness of the article, "Five Exchange Students tell their experiences" (Jan.12, 1990). Since EF is a non-profit organization, we rely on the publicity of such human interest stories,not only to promote cultural exchange, but also to recruit volunteer host families.

I am also pleased to report that the circulation of Niagara News has been increased by five ...and has travelled to Sweden, Columbia, Mexico and Japan.

Valerie Grabove
Instructor, English Division
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Wrong name

Dear SAC:

During my Christmas vacation, I was walking through the Simcoe building hallways (because my mother is a student at the college) when I saw a notice concerning a hockey game between the Montreal Canadiens and the Buffalo Sabres. The notice had the name Canadiens spelled Canadians. I just thought I'd let you know.

Sincerely,
Shaun Cleaver
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Bullpit

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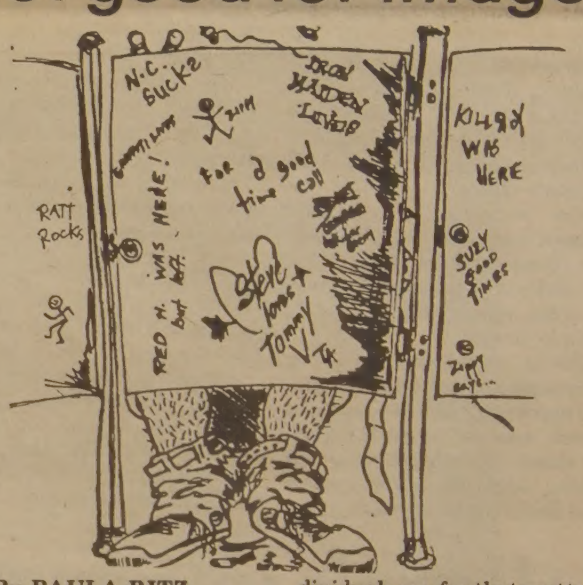


By PAULA RITZ
Staff Writer

In a typical home one usually brings the comics, a magazine or a book to the bathroom; at Niagara College there is no need to bring anything — just read the walls!

If you're single or want to be shown a good time, choose a telephone number from the college washroom walls. Ya, right! Like we're really going to phone up some total stranger and tell him that we got his telephone number from some washroom stall.

"Uh, excuse me, your don't really know me, but I got your number from the girls/guys washroom at Niagara College and I was wondering..."

Get off the pot--no pun intended. Calling a number that you got from the washroom wall will not help your social status. Trust me.

It is annoying to know while you're in the course of action that "Cheryl loves Danny Forever." I mean, who really cares? I don't even know who these two individuals are for that matter. But the graffiti that really gets me the most is when women (or they could even be men for all I know) relay messages. And, let me tell you, some of the conversations aren't too pretty.

Is this really what we came to college for? I thought when we arrived we would be treated with respect and as responsible adults. But how can we expect to be treated as such if we don't act in a responsible and mature fashion?

Up until last year, students at Niagara College were provided with study booths in the library; however, due to uncontrollable hormones, we no longer have doors for them. And if this wasn't bad enough, just step inside one of the booths and it will feel as though you are back in the washroom. What kind of image do you think we are giving outsiders? Not a good one!

I doubt that there is a need for this problem at Niagara College. We, the students, have to care what our college looks like; no one else will do the job for us.

FOCUS

Thompson retires after 22 years

By SCOTT TRACEY
Staff Writer

At the end of January, Niagara College lost its building maintenance supervisor of 22 years.

Edward L. Thompson, who joined the Property and Plant Department in 1968, officially retired on Jan. 31, having reached the college's mandatory retirement age. College employee's must retire at the end of the month in which their 65th birthday falls.

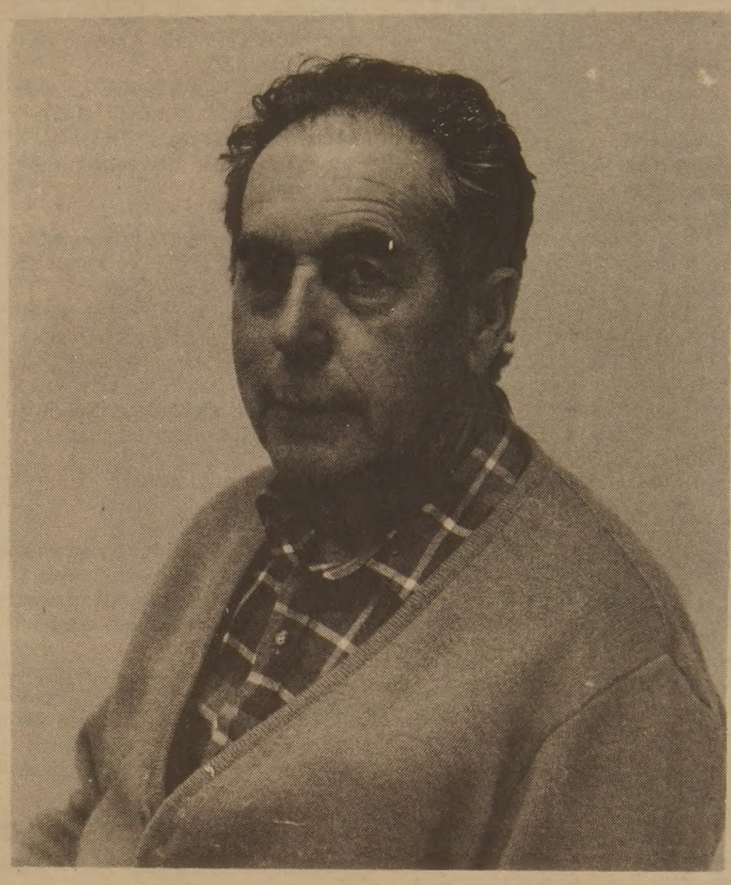
Mr. Thompson's last day at the college was Tuesday Jan. 23. Vacation time carried him to the end of the month when his retirement was official.

He will begin his retirement by taking his wife of 39 years, Viola, to the Dominican Republic. When he returns, he will be collecting maple syrup.

Enjoyable

Mr. Thompson said his time at Niagara has been "like one long holiday," attributing this to his working relationship with his boss, Jack Spittle. "He's left me in charge," Mr. Thompson said.

Born at South Portage, on Lake of Bays near Huntsville, Ont. in 1925, Mr. Thompson worked for



EDWARD L. THOMPSON

a navigation company on a small railway and aboard a steamship, the Iroquois,before joining the army, in 1943, at 18.

Mr. Thompson joined the anti-aircraft light artillery corps, serving in Holland and Belgium.

After the war, he worked for a construction company in Toronto as a carpenter, foreman and assistant supervisor. In 1967, he was a construction supervisor for Transway Steel, the firm which built Hennepin Hall, the Welland campus' main administration building.

The following year, Mr Thompson joined the college as its building maintenance supervisor, a position he has held since.

Maintenance

His duties at the college included general repairs and maintenance of school equipment."We basically keep the school operating," Mr. Thompson said.He was in charge of all Niagara College campuses, but his office was at the Welland campus.

Mr. Thompson has not fulfilled all his goals. "Not by a long way. I see things I would like to do in the next five years, and after that there would five more years worth." He will explain these goals to his successor, Glen Brooks, who worked for Mr. Thompson as an electrician.

Mr. Brooks has been at the college since 1969, and was the first man Mr. Thompson hired after joining. "I've had a good staff," Mr. Thompson said. "I think that's why my time here has gone so smoothly."

Changes

Mr. Thompson felt his greatest achievement at the college was convincing the administration to spend $50,000 per year on roofs. By spending a set amount on maintaining them, the college is able to avoid million-dollar replacements.

He has seen many changes. The college itself is larger,"It expanded for the first four or five years I was here, then it sort of tapered off," Mr. Thompson said.

But the biggest difference in the college is the students. "There has been an improvement in the students themselves," Mr. Thompson said. The students at the college seem "more serious" than they were when he joined.

Mr. Thompson said leaving the college is not an easy thing to do. "I've enjoyed this job right from the start."

2U AHOY, Captain Highliner says

By PAULA RITZ
Staff Writer

Doug lives his life deceivingly.

He sits alone in his chair gazing outside his patio doors and only the conversation from his scanner and the exhaling of cigarette smoke can be heard. He looks along the walls of his den and the memories of each framed picture are unforgettable. Doug misses his mates.

The 64-year-old man shuffles to his oak bookcase and chooses a photo album. Flipping through the pages he remembers dates, names and places.

Doug St. Amand's love for freighters, ocean liners, ships, yachts — boats of all sorts — is quite apparent. He has taken hundreds of pictures over the years.

Beauty

Doug is a boat buff — a lover capturing the beauty of boats. It is hardly noticeable that he has never had a photography lesson.

His love for boats began seven years ago and the quiet passion still flows rapidly each year with the re-opening of the canal. Every picture he has taken is noted in a log; the same technique is used for negatives.

In an organized fashion, Doug stores his 47 volumes of photographs in his bookcase alongside boat books, flags of boats he has been on, hats, stamps of boats and nautical knick-knacks.

In one nine-month period, Doug used 34 rolls of film on boats alone. "That's a slow year, usually I use 50 rolls or more."

Doug was born and raised in the small Ontario village of Midland. At age 15 he quit school. He said back then there were no such things as factories or mines. He only knew of working on the railway, in a granary or on the boats. And so, Doug chose to work on the boats.

Sailed

During World War II, 1941 to 1942, Doug sailed across the Great Lakes. However, he admitted that he would much rather take pictures than actually sail again. "Working on the ships is an awful life...you're always away from your family and you sometimes had to share a room with six other men."

Doug is married and is a father to four girls and two boys. Now living in the empty nest stage, Doug and his wife, Marg, live in their home on Bunting Road in St. Catharines. The canal is almost in his back yard.

Shortly after Doug "jumped ship" in 1942, he was hired on at General Motors in St. Catharines. With 45 years of GM service under his belt, he retired.

Today, most of his free time is spent doing what he loves best. He and Marg have visited many places in Canada and the United States. But wherever they've travelled Doug always had his trusty camera within reaching distance.

The couple's travels include Sault St. Marie, in Ontario and Michigan, Sarnia, New Orleans, and North and South Carolina.

A while back, Doug managed to talk his way into a free nine-day cruise on the Algo Sen. There, he and his wife sailed down the Gulf of St. Lawrence for a day-and-a-half and sailed along the Quebec City shoreline. Doug had Marg keep a daily journal of every occurrence during their adventure.

Four years ago, Doug gathered ship enthusiasts from around the peninsula and they met in his basement. The group shared their experiences and exhibited favorite boat photographs.

After discovering there were clubs like these in Detroit and other cities, Doug officially started his own club a year ago last August. The club is called The Welland Canal Ships Society; the members are called ship buffs.

Once a month the group meets and looks at slides or listens to a guest speaker talk of the many types of boats.

Greetings

During the Christmas holidays group members exchange greeting cards with their favorite boat pictures on the front. "Each year we try to outdo each other," he said.

Inside the club Doug is referred to as Captain Highliner. The name was given to him by another ship buff known as Skip. To demonstrate just how far Doug's pastime has actually gone, his licence plate reads 2U AHOY!

His hobby is on hold due to the winter months. However, one can be assured that Doug will have a photograph of the first boat back on the canal in 1990.

Doug does not quite know why he loves his water-bound friends so much; he gave this explanation: "Dogs chase cars, I chase boats!"

After chuckling at his own comment, Doug sat in his chair and took a drag of his cigarette. Once again he looks out his patio doors and gazes at the empty canal in his backyard; he quietly speaks with sincerity: "They're ships from all over the world with different nationalities and, you know, there isn't one the same out there."

DOUG ST. AMAND

Second century for Standard big celebration planned

By VIRGIL KLASSEN
Staff Writer

On April 21, 1991, the Standard will enter its second century, and there will be a big celebration for this St. Catharines success story. Craig Swayze, the Standard's Centennial Editor, told the St. Catharines Historical Society Jan. 18.

To kick off the celebration, a special four-section commemorative issue of the St. Catharines Standard will land on every doorstep in St. Catharines and Thorold. Not only will this Centennial edition be the first Standard of century number two, but it will also be the first Standard ever delivered on a Sunday.

Humble beginning

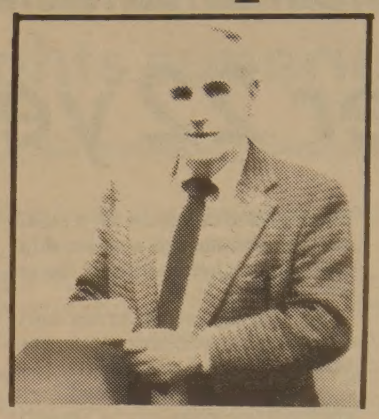
The Centennial edition will be filled with 100 years of the history of St. Catharines and the Standard, a newspaper that has become synonymous, with the city.

"Can you imagine a St. Catharines without the Standard?" Mr. Swayze asked. "We can't."

The Standard has grown over the last 100 years and so has the city it serves. Mr. Swayze charted the paper's progress, from its humble beginnings in 1891 to the present day, and talked of the paper's plans for starting its second century.

Today the Standard occupies a good portion of a city block in downtown St. Catharines. The daily newspaper is just part of an empire which publishes other newspapers and magazines and has a large fine printing department.

However, today's Standard



CRAIG SWAYZE

almost never made it to its first anniversary, Mr. Swayze said. Less than one year after it hit the streets of the city, the Standard was within inches of folding.

The first Standard was issued on Tuesday, Apr.21, 1891, and was the product of three men's vision: two young Toronto journalists, George W. Miller and A. E. Hutchison, and William Bartlett Burgoyne, the paper's mechanical superintendent.

The paper was called the Daily Standard and cost a penny an issue. The monthly rate was 25 cents, and $3 would buy a subscription for a year.

The men who started the paper wanted the Daily Standard to be "a newspaper in every sense of the word," Mr. Swayze said. They set out to make the paper "bright and readable, an interesting summary of all that is passing in this big, wide world."

That first four-page paper had a picture of Sir John A. MacDonald at the top of page one. The caption underneath read: "The Old Flag; The Old Policy; The Old Leader."

The Standard took a strong Conservative stand," Mr. Swayze said.

The early efforts of the Daily Standard were soon on shaky ground. In early 1892, Mr. Burgoyne paid $1 to gain the assets of the paper from his partners, who had had enough of the paper business in St. Catharines. Mr. Burgoyne had already received a commitment from the rest of the staff to stay on. The paper survived due to determination, the effort, and the belief of one man, Mr. Swayze said.

The Burgoyne name has continued to be an integral part of the Standard story. Henry B. Burgoyne, the fourth generation of the Burgoyne newspaper family, is the president and publisher of the St. Catharines Standard.

In the 1890s, the Standard occupied the second floor of a building on St. Paul Street. In 1898 the paper moved to Queen Street, and by 1929, the Standard had expanded all the way back to William Street.

Commitment

The original staff of nine has grown to a staff of 300 today, with a six-figure payroll where $60 once did the trick. The four-page original has grown to an average of 48 pages per day, six days per week. Circulation, which started at 1,000 copies per day, now averages 45,000 copies per day, while the city has grown from 10,000 people to a population approaching 150,000.

The Standard's commitment to downtown St. Catharines continues today, Mr. Swayze said. The paper has just expanded to the other side of Queen Street, where the Standard's centennial headquarters is located.

The Standard's centennial program is still in its early planning stages, but 1991 is going to be a busy one, Mr. Swayze said.

"We're busy planning the second century. It should be quite a party."

Working overseas financially possible

By TONY POST
Staff Writer

Students who would like to travel abroad but cannot justify it financially may be interested in going on a working holiday with the Student Work Abroad Program (SWAP).

"It's just your average summer job," David Smith, SWAP representative, said. "(But) they'll be a lot more interesting than Welland."

Mr. Smith made a presentation about the program to about 25 students on Jan. 23, 1990.

The program is aimed at people who want to go overseas. Destinations through the program include Britain, Ireland, Finland, France, Australia, New Zealand, Belgium, Japan and the United States.

SWAP IS SWAP

SWAP is quite literally a swap. Similar numbers of foreign students come to Canada; however, SWAP is not a student exchange program.

"It augments your budget abroad," Mr. Smith said. While some swappers (their name for themselves) earn excellent money, few bring any back with them. They spend it all.

SWAP is not funded by any agency, it is a user-pay program. Students making use of SWAP must pay a registration fee ranging from $125 to $220 depending on their choice of country. The fee covers the cost of a visa, about $40. As well, SWAP will book a hotel for the first two nights of the stay in a foreign country.

SWAP asks that participants book their flights with Travel Cuts, a student travel agency that subsidizes the SWAP program.

ORIENTATION

A day after arriving at their destination, swappers attend an orientation session to familiarize them with their new surroundings. SWAP representatives will tell swappers how to go about finding a job, how the transit system operates, and where to look for housing.

SWAP Britain is the most popular destination with almost 1,000 students participating in 1989. Most will work in and around London but some will choose to go to other cities. Swappers will often get together to rent a flat in London.

"With the money they earn it's all very workable," Mr. Smith said.

BRING MONEY

Swappers are required to bring support funds with them to tide them over should they not find a job right away. These range from $500 to about $2,000.

Australia is another popular destination with a 100 per cent acceptance rate for the May departure. Participants purchase a one-year open ticket. This entitles them to unlimited travel for one year. This ticket is good for flights to New Zealand, Fiji, and Hawaii. The only restriction is that there must be a seat available on the plane.

"*You learn a lot more about the* country you visit than the average backpacker," Mr. Smith said.

Students who would like more information on SWAP may visit the Placement Office in the Tecumseh foyer.

College teacher takes home bronze

Stan West, a teacher in the culinary arts program, won a bronze medal for his ice sculpture at Sunday's ice carving competition at Maple Leaf Village.

A member of the Professional Chefs Association of Niagara, Mr. West entered the contest sponsored by the association in conjunction with the Niagara Falls Canada Visitor and Convention Bureau.

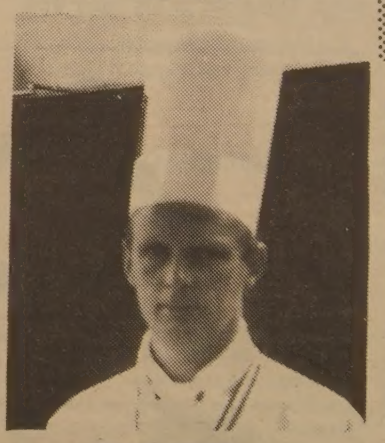
"The competition was good, and I didn't expect to win," he said. "I was pleasantly surprised."

His sculpture of reindeer, carved within two hours from a 400-pound block of ice was difficult, he said.

"Ice carving is a different medium. If you make a mistake, depending on the break, you either have to kick it over, or rework the theme."

Mr. West sculpts ice mainly as a hobby, but also demonstrates the technique to interested students. It is best to learn on a one-to-one basis, Mr. West said.

"The problem with ice sculpting is that it is so expensive, it is difficult to get proficient." A block of ice costs $90.



STAN WEST

Methods of mending, such as salt, or CO2 fire extinguisher can be used to bond pieces that have broken off.

There are schools in Japan called "society of ice carvers", and there is one just beginning in Ottawa, Mr. West said.

The idea of an ice carving competition was an addition to the Festival of Lights attraction. Mr. West entered the contest in support of the college.

"This means more recognition for the Hospitality and Tourism program," he said.

Incredible seafood feast

Tickets are now on sale for the second annual Seafood Extravaganza that will take place March 9 at the Victoria Park Restaurant overlooking Niagara Falls.

Tickets cost $75, of which $60 is tax deductible.

The all-you-can-eat smorgasbord is a repeat of last year's "incredible gourmet feast," Foster Zanutto, director of marketing and information services, said.

The lavish menu boasts lobster, shrimp, and one of the world's largest paella, which is a Spanish rice and seafood dish. Many other delacaies of the sea will also be served.

The "culinary event of the year," also includes entertainment, door prizes and a variety of wines, Mr. Zanutto said.

The meal prepared by Victoria Park chef Gabriel Fabi will be served by Niagara College hospitality students.

Mr. Zanutto said he expects the 275 tickets to be sold out soon. Anyone interested can contact Mr. Zanutto at extensions 774 or 733.

Professors' views outrage residents

Niagara residents became outraged when three professors said they supported free trade during Brock's Political Issues Forum Meeting Jan. 25.

Lecturer Nicolas Baxter-Moore, assistant professor Juris Dreisfelds and associate professor Bill Matheson, all members of Brock's political department, each spoke for 12 minutes on topics such as the Meech Lake accord, free trade, the foods and services tax, political patronage and other Canadain political issues.

One man in the audience was outraged that all three professors agreed and supported free trade.

He said one day there won't be enough people with jobs who will be able to dish out $20 or $30 which will help build and maintain a university like Brock.

Professor Matheson told the man that he did not agree with free trade, he just felt that there was nothing he could do about it, but learn to accept it and make the best of it.

But during Mr. Matheson's 12-minute speech, he said the agreement between Canada and the United States made a lot of sense in an economic point of view.

MAKE IT WORK

"We have to learn how to make it work for us," Professor Dreisfelds said. Job losses have to be accepted with facts. It has affected certain industries; the ones which cannot stand on their own two feet; vigorous ones are not affected, he said.

And Professor Baxter-Moore said it was too early to be affected by the free trade movement. "We're only one year into a 10-year plan. Some job losses can be blamed on free trade, but not the thousands."

With that comment, a steel worker told the three professors that there were 500 layoffs where he worked which could be directly related to free trade.

"Yes, we're losing jobs in certain places, but we're also gaining in others," Mr. Dreisfelds said.

The steel worker said the United Steelworkers of America had started a petition, which will go worldwide, to end the free trade agreement.

And with this, a woman from the audience told the steel worker that this would be the worst thing they could do. She said, "We (Canada) need other countries to help" and she would hate to see what would happen to Canada without it (free trade).

The meeting, open to the public, was in the university's Senate Chambers.

Foods of the world to tempt palate

By LISA CHOMA
Staff Writer

TORONTO — It is 4:30 a.m. While most of the province sleeps, Nick Luciano and the men at F. G. Lister & Co. Ltd. are supplying Ontario's esoteric palate with fruit and vegetables from all over the world.

A senior import buyer at the Ontario Food Terminal, Mr. Luciano is sometimes called a "prophet" by retailers. His hair is almost white, his office immaculate.

He points from his window to the warehouse below, describing the chain of the most important industry in Canada. After 50 years in the marketplace, he is entitled.

The Ontario Food Terminal began operation in the downtown core where O'Keefe Centre is today. The stench of ripe and rotting fruit prompted the city fathers to move the market to its present location on The Queensway.

"The smell of rotting watermelons and potatoes would filter into the city," Mr. Luciano said. "Business people became annoyed."

Since fruit was transported largely by horse and wagon and rail car, the heat from the friction of the fruit caused rotting. Produce was sold on a first come, first served basis, and the lower grade fruit and vegetables were left.

The wholesalers at that time had little money to re-locate.

"Transition is a fearful thing in the hearts of older people," Mr. Luciano said. "The wholesalers were comfortable where they were, and the rents were cheap."

Together with the Minister of Agriculture, Premier Leslie Frost, and the Royal Bank of Canada, the city negotiated a new market property at the cost of $4 million. The mortgage was 3 1/2 per cent amortized over 30 years.

After the move, Mr. Luciano said some of the wholesalers sold out for $10,000 to $15,000. Competition from the farmer's market caused problems for wholesalers importing fruit and vegetables.

The market was not doing well economically, and finally the Royal Bank agreed to hold open mortgages and to review leases every 10 years without penalty, he said.

A floating bond debenture was also given in order to stabilize market conditions.

Ontario Hydro stepped in and used its pension fund to buy out many of the wholesalers.

"Immigration from Europe turned the market around," Mr. Luciano said.

People brought different lifestyles, traditions and cuisine. They came to Toronto, and the economy picked up, he said.

"When you add, you improve, and the people were gravitating toward the marketplace. They stayed, and it became a gratifying and prosperous place."

Business begins before dawn's first light at the Ontario Food Terminal in Toronto. Trucks are meticulousy lined up at the warehouse docks, where Canadian and foreign produce will be loaded and unloaded for transport across Ontario. The terminal houses 27 wholesalers' units and a farmers' market on 40 acres of land situated on The Queensway.

Photo by Lisa Choma

IMPORTS

"At one time, every shipper and grower thought he put out the best fruit or vegetable," Mr. Luciano said.

Canada and the United States then joined together in setting up a packaging and grading process. Current grades are U.S. No. 1, U.S. No. 2, and commercial. These are the only three grades to cross the border.

Cartons holding produce are standard in size, and are marked and numbered.

For instance, boxes of lettuce can be marked either 30, 24 or 18. The smaller the number, the bigger the head of lettuce, he said. This means the consumer pays exactly for what he is getting, and has a choice of quality produce.

INSPECTION

Produce is inspected at its point of origin, and inspection at arrival supersedes any inspection done at the shipping stage.

If there are problems, the wholesaler has 24 hours to call an inspector. After that time, shippers may recognize it, but they don't have to take the produce back.

"If it is a market condition, we have to live with it," Mr. Luciano said, "and every fruit and vegetable has its own idiosyncrasies."

COOLING

There are two types — vacuum cooled and hydro cooled — each designed to take the ground heat out of the produce.

Lettuce is vacuum cooled by cold air being forced through the carton, allowing the product to last two to three weeks instead of two to three days.

Peaches are hydro cooled — vats of cold water maintain the temperature so as to prevent coagulation — and are floated in the water until they lose their ground heat.

"The color of the fruit depends on the method of cooling," Mr. Luciano said. "If it retains its ground heat, it begins to darken."

Strawberries and raspberries are treacherous, he said. Sales are constantly monitored, and berries are considered a bad risk.

"Unlike most fruit and vegetables, once a berry is picked the ripening process is stayed. It will decay, but it will not change color. A dark berry is a ripe berry," he said.

With lettuce, the longer it stays in the ground the more bitter it becomes. Mr. Luciano said time and again he sees people choosing the heaviest head of lettuce.

"A lettuce with leaves that give to the touch is better."

Another consumer myth is cellophane packaging.

"It is like committing murder," Mr. Luciano said. "Every fruit and vegetable has to breathe in order to live. Cellophane causes it to suffocate and burn."

POLITICAL STRUCTURE

The Lieutenant-Governor and the Minister of Agriculture appoint a market manager and a board of directors to oversee market functions, and "they do a good job." The manager and board of directors answer to the Minister of Agriculture, who in turn reports to the Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. Luciano said there is a cross-section of people at the market — from anglos to French, Pakistani, Indian, Italian and black — each group has its own traits.

"The market manager here has to handle each one without stepping on any toes. Allowing elasticity brings everything into control."

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

There are about 23 marketing boards in Ontario which have four functions: to promote and develop the regulated product; to negotiate price; to establish price; and to regulate production in marketing quotas.

Wholesalers purchase in large quantities, warehouse the merchandise, and sell it to retailers upon demand, who then sell to the consumer.

There are three channels through which retailers can buy imported produce. Dealers, who sell their product at the food terminal, buy from Canadian or foreign producers or agents and sell to the wholesaler. Brokers introduce buyers and sellers of imported goods, and many are dealers as well. Or, retailers can use the direct buying method which allows wholesalers and retailers to buy directly from foreign producers or agents.

Mr. Luciano said the Free Trade Agreement not only hurts agriculture, but has done more harm than good to other industries as well.

Labour in the United States is cheaper, he said. He has visited Mexico where he witnessed families working in fields for a wage of $4 per day, and they live in shacks put together with cardboard and mattresses.

"Our living standards far surpass U.S. standards," Mr. Luciano said. "I'm referring to the guy that goes to work each day with a lunch pail under his arm. If a man's home life is happy, he is ultimately a better worker. It is important that he gets a decent wage."

GREENHOUSE EFFECT

Mr. Luciano said government laws for manufacturers and industry are improving.

"If growing conditions worsen, we could be in trouble." He said ideal growing conditions should register 20-30 degrees cooler at night. Chilly autumn nights produce redder apples.

"In this industry the housewife is our boss; we answer to the consumer. They depend on us to satisfy their needs."

36 YEARS OLD

The Ontario Food Terminal opened on the Queensway in July of 1954. "It is one of the finest markets in North America," Mr. Luciano said. He has travelled extensively and observed market conditions throughout the world.

There are security police, a staff to maintain sanitation, and special cold storage facilities. An open air farmers' market is adjacent to the 27 units owned and leased by wholesalers.

He said the market is too small, "but the city didn't visualize Toronto growing as expansively as it did."

At one point a 200-acre parcel for a new market near Steeles Avenue and Weston Road was considered. The problem arose when 100 per cent signatures were needed to force a move. Again, many were afraid, he said.

Once a Chairman of the Tenants Committee, Mr. Luciano said a market should have exterior office accommodation, and should not permit offices for tenants in the warehouse.

Mr. Luciano gets up from his chair. It is Sunday. He has come to the warehouse to talk about the market tradition that has followed him so closely through to his 70th year.

"I get up early; I feel the clean, glorious morning air before the traffic mixes it all up. It is invigorating, and good. I would not trade this for anything."

Walt Disney reps to conduct interviews

Two Walt Disney World representatives will be at the Hospitality and Tourism centre in Niagara Falls on Feb. 21 to make presentations and conduct interviews.

Ginette Bilodeau, career services assistant, Niagara Falls campus, said they will be interviewing for two programs.

The 12-month World Fellowship program from September to September is a cultural exchange program for students from several countries, at the Epcott Centre, Florida.

Students who are Canadian citizens may also work in the Canadian Pavilion at the centre. Cultural representatives will work under a contract of a minimum of six months.

The representatives will be at the centre from 9 to 10:30 am. Though the presentation is mainly for tourism students, anybody is welcome.

Sexual abuse nightmare leaves lasting scars

By MAHUBE MPUGWA
Staff Writer

Sexually abused children should be encouraged to speak out their problems without fear. Unless this is done, victims will always feel isolated from the rest of society.

James O'Connor, (not his real name) who celebrated his 20th birthday five days before Christmas, is a straight A student who hopes to graduate from the college in April and go to Carleton University for a degree in computer engineering. His ultimate goal is to work in Canada's space program.

This is the pleasant, achieving side of James, the only side his friends know. Inside, he is a victim of his past. A past that saw him sexually abused by his father and uncle until he became a runaway child 10 years ago.

Sexual abuse is defined as an inappropriate sexual experience forced on someone who is unable to give consent. It cuts across socio-economic barriers, and drugs and alcohol are sometimes implicated.

Old story

Recently, sexual abuse has been prominent in the media across Canada, from the Big Brothers organization in Calgary to Mount Cashel in St. Johns. Orphans, who had nowhere to go, treated these places as their homes. But it was here that some were physically and sexually assaulted.

According to Macleans Magazine, experts say ritual child abuse, which involves satanists, exists and is widely practised.

It cited a five-year-old girl's horrifying story, which emerged during a family court in Oshawa. Testimony by a police officer and social worker said the girl observed scenes of sexual abuse by her parents, which included ceremonies that began with uncaging of snakes to invoke Satan and dismemberment of a dog.

Sexual abuse has existed for a long time, but it wasn't until about 10 years ago that a lot of cases began being reported. Before that, children were seen as the responsibility of their parents and it was taboo to report what parents did to them.

Dr. Lorna Grant, assistant professor, department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at McMaster University, said sexual abuse ignored the child's right to self-control and derailed the developmental process of childhood.

The Niagara peninsula has also been affected by growing numbers of sexually abused children. Ann Godfrey, Niagara Region's public relations co-ordinator for Family and Children's Services, said 244 cases were investigated in 1983 compared to 437 in 1988.

Neglect

Sexual abuse in many cases has been accompanied by neglect, physical and emotional forms of abuse. Const. Richard Geady of the Welland police said physical abuse included corporal punishment imposed in the guise of disciplinary action. Cases of sexual abuse reported to the Welland police mostly involved female victims.

The biggest problem in dealing with sexually abused children, Ms. Godfrey said, "is to walk a fine line between the child and the parent. We do not get too involved, but we try to make sure children grow in a safe and healthy environment."

Nurseries and training of child educators are some initiatives in dealing with child abuse and society. Early childhood programs, including the one offered by the college, stress helping victims cope and the necessity to report abuse cases. Students learn that it is their legal responsibility, as early childhood educators, to report any suspected child abuse case.

Early childhood education programs do not teach how to provide treatment of sexual abuse, according to Allison Soave, Niagara's program co-ordinator. But students can learn how to provide family support for the victims.

Amelia Szczykutowicz, manager of the college's day care centre, said she has not encountered any form of child abuse during her 15 years with the centre.

Prevention

Many people suggest that society can best address the problem of sexual abuse by becoming aware of its existence. Dr. Grant said prevention could be achieved by educating society — parents and children — on the rights of others and the total unacceptability of sexual abuse.

According to the 1989 National Association of Social Workers journal, day care centres are in a unique position to help prevent child abuse by incorporating programs into the curriculum that help children handle child safety issues.

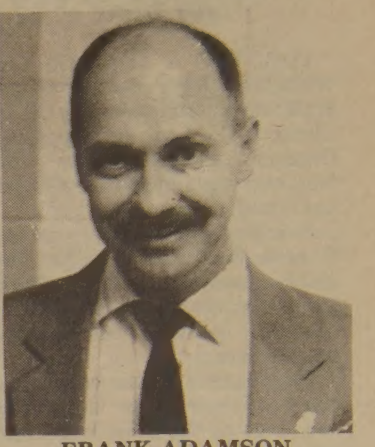
The increase in reported cases has shed a light on the path of those fighting the problem. "This is an encouragement to us because it shows society's increasing awareness of the problem," Ms. Godfrey said.

Though James was rescued from his misery by adoptive parents, what he experienced as a child will never be erased from his memories. As society ponders how to end sexual abuse, many children continue to be victimized. Unlike James' story, their miseries will remain untold.

Give blood Feb. 16

Campaign targets heart awareness

By ALLAN BENNER
Staff Writer



FRANK ADAMSON

Heart Niagara, a new organization formed to save lives that need not be lost to heart attacks, is conducting a "massive awareness campaign" over the next two months, called Heart Steps.

The campaign will include the distribution of 275,000 pamphlets, telephone surveys, radio and local newspaper advertisements.

Frank Adamson, co-ordinator of the ambulance program and president of Heart Niagara, said, "We're running a community blitz, talking to people about heart disease, basically about heart attacks. We are trying to explain to them what the signs and signals of a heart attack are and what action they should take."

The problem is the majority of heart attack patients die within the first two hours of having symptoms of a heart attack if they don't seek treatment, Mr. Adamson said. "If they could get to a hospital their condition could be stabilized."

"Right now paramedics with electric shock are saving about 15 per cent of people who die (their hearts stop) outside the hospital and eight of the people who get to the hospital alive get out the same way," Mr. Adamson said.

NOT EXEMPT

Many people are under the impression that younger people are not susceptible to heart attacks, but this "is not entirely true."

"Although most heart attacks occur in people 45 to 65 years of age, I've seen people 22 who have had them."

Doctors are being asked to give the Heart Steps pamphlets to people at high risk of heart attacks: those who are overweight, have high blood pressure, do not get much exercise, or smoke. A canvassing drive will employ 1,200 volunteers. Mr. Adamson said anyone interested in canvassing should contact Heart Niagara.

Pamphlets are designed to stress three points; first, Act Immediately; second, Join the Rescuers; and third, Tell Someone.

"Someone having a heart attack usually denies it," Mr. Adamson said. "What we're saying is if someone says they're having a heart attack or if you think someone's having a heart attack, then call 911.

"Often heart attacks feel like a burning sensation at the top of the stomach that people mistake for indigestion. Any pain or discomfort in the front of the body could be a heart attack. It's better to be embarrassed than dead."

Fifteen ambulance students did a Heart Niagara telephone survey of 400 people living in the Niagara peninsula asking such questions as "What would you do if you had a heart attack?" In addition, 120 patients in coronary care units were asked how long they waited before getting help.

WILL COMPARE

In March another survey will be conducted to determine Heart Niagara's impact on the peninsula by comparing the results of the two.

The Niagara Region is the first area to have an organization such as Heart Niagara. The program's success, as shown by the surverys, will determine if similar programs will be started elsewhere.

On Saturday, Feb. 24, Heart Niagara will hold a mass CPR, heart saving course in the cafeteria at Niagara College. "Anyone who is interested in learning CPR can attend," Mr. Adamson said.

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Green, Lindberg heading to Changsha, China

By VIRGIL KLASSEN
Staff Writer

Brian Green and Keith Lindberg will spend most of the winter term far away from Niagara College — they are heading to Changsha, China.

Mr. Green, a Niagara College teacher, and Mr. Lindberg, manager of Niagara's media/print department, will be going to China Feb. 19 to help Changsha University put together an educational media production program. They will remain in China until the end of April.

Niagara College and Changsha University have been involved in a "twinning arrangement" for some time, Mr. Green said. In the past, Changsha has requested Niagara's expertise in areas such as teacher training and computers, and the college has sent people to Changsha to help.

The most recent request from Changsha University was for help in the production of educational media (radio and television) and the setting up of a media centre. Mr. Green and Mr. Lindberg were chosen to assist Changsha in this field; they said they are looking forward to the trip.

"We don't know what kind of program they want to do, or what they're capable of doing," Mr. Green said. "This will be a fact-finding mission to find out what is needed."

A NATURAL

In addition to Mr. Green's duties as an English teacher at Niagara, he teaches courses in broadcast journalism and current events. He has written and produced educational television. Referring to his travelling partner's experience, Mr. Green called Mr. Lindberg "a natural" for the job.

Mr. Lindberg said he and Mr. Green would be making some of their presentations at Changsha together. They will serve as a first team which will determine what Changsha University will need for its media production program. A second team is scheduled to go to China later to implement the first team's plans.

"We'll be doing a lot of work for the second team," Mr. Lindberg said.

Depending on how much is accomplished, "we may be able to begin setting up the program," Mr. Green said.

Mr. Green and Mr. Lindberg will be the first representatives from Niagara College to go to China since the events in Tinanmen Square this past summer.

Asked about going to China at this time, Mr. Green said: "Frankly it's a little troublesome — appearing to support this regime," but the Canadian government is back in business with China officially. Mr. Green said he has travelled extensively and feels he is somewhat prepared for the experience.

"I think it's important to keep the lines of communication open," Mr. Lindberg said.

Mr. Green and Mr. Lindberg will fly into Hong Kong and take a 14-hour train trip to Changsha. They plan to return to Canada at the end of April by way of Beijing.

"I'm delighted to go," Mr. Green said. "I'm really looking forward to it."

KEITH LINDBERG BRIAN GREEN

Movie Beaches deliciously funny

Beaches - This disease-of-the-week tear jerker will moisten any hardened skeptic's eye's. Bette Midler and Barbara Hershey star as two women who become friends as children and remain close throughout their adulthood — despite their rocky relationship. Midler shines as C.C. Bloom, a flamboyant singer with a mind of smut and a heart of gold. Hershey is also quite good as a conservative lawyer whose middle-class life pales in comparison to Midler's lavish celebrity status. The title refers to the spot where the two friends meet and to where they say good bye. The film is deliciously funny yet make sure you have a carton of Kleenex on hand.

Beaches will be shown in the Hamilton Room Feb. 6.

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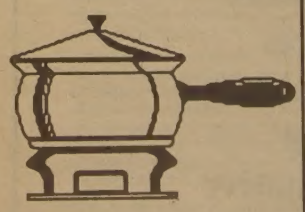

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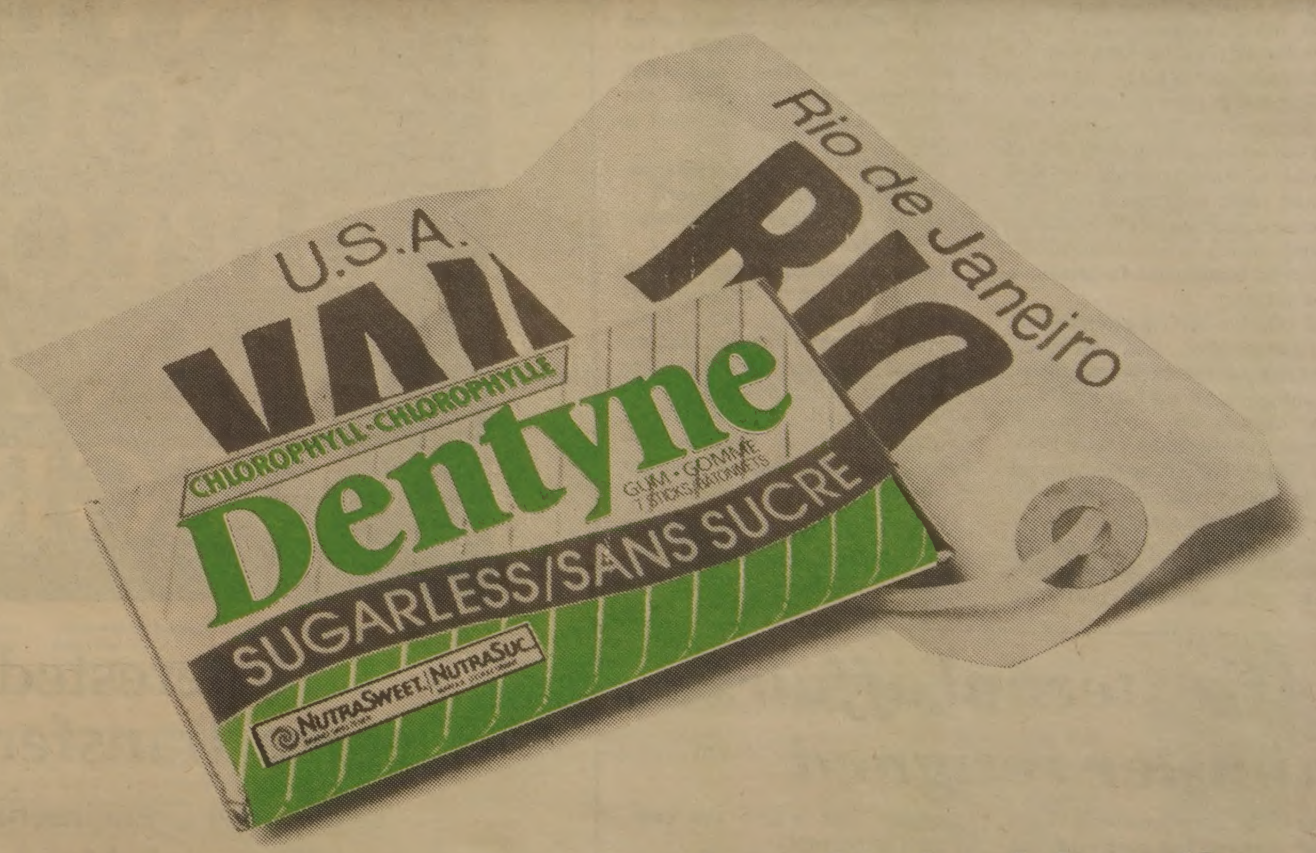

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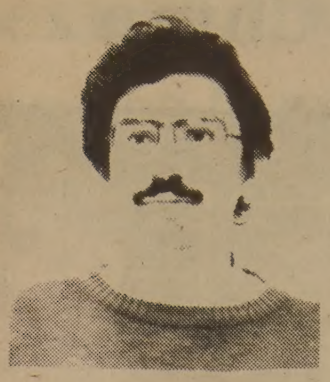

ALI REZA MAHINI

GOLNAZ GHOUJALOU

Iranian-born students enjoy college education

By RICHMOND MAHEHE
Staff Writer

They left their home country eager to find education. Today Ali Reza Mahini and Golnaz Ghoujalou, both from Iran, are part of the Niagara College Community.

Ali, now a Canadian citizen, did part of his elementary education in India where he spent three years on a student visa and later attended Centennial Secondary School, Welland. The mechanical engineering student enrolled in Niagara College in the fall of 1986. He came to Canada in 1983 from India.

Before Golnaz came to Canada, she went to Austria where she took English courses in an American institution. She enrolled in business administration at Niagara College last fall.

Ali, who is a Baha'i, left Iran in 1979 during the Iran-Iraq war. He said a principle of Baha'i is not to participate in political activities, but during the war everybody was sent to the front, including Baha'i members, even though it was against their religion.

Being a member of a minority religion which is not recognized, he had no choice but to choose a third country.

Ali said the Shi'ite government has persecuted and executed members of minority religions, and the government has admitted that about 400 well-known members of the Baha'i faith have been killed. He left at the time of the Iranian revolution which involved religious groups.

The revolution installed the late Ayatollah Khomeini, the spiritual leader who ordered that the British author Salman Rushdie be killed.

Asked about the Khomeini affair, Ali said "It is not right to paint Iranians with the same brush. It is a shame that some radicals in the government are spoiling the name of Iranians. To put money on Rushdie's head was not right."

Ali is living happily in Canada. "Life in Canada is very good," he said. He is happy to have a Canadian passport because it can be used to travel anywhere in the world.

Ali would like to return to his home country only if he is certain that he will come back to Canada.

Golnaz descibed Iran as a beautiful country with many beautiful places of interest, including Takhteh Jamshid, Pasargad, and Shiraz.

The climate in Iran varies depending on where one is in the country. The southern part is hot and humid. Most of central Iran is desert while along the coast is warm.

Only four religions are recognized by the Iranian goverment — Moslem, Christian, Zoroastrian and Judaism, she said.

In ancient times, before the Prophet Mohammed established Islamic religion in Iran Zoroastrian was Iran's religion. When Mohammed started converting people, Islam was well received, Golnaz said. Like Ali, Golnaz thinks people in Canada are friendly, unlike Iranians who are not open minded.

She is living with family members in Niagara Falls. Her father is still in Iran.

Hotels need proud employees

By ALISON OLSEN
Staff Writer

By the year 2000, tourism will be the number one industry in the world and the need for qualified people is greater than ever, Niagara students were told during a presentation by Canadian Pacific hotels representatives.

Representatives Bonnie Holbrook and Tony Cooper are visiting colleges across Canada, interviewing graduating students in tourism and hospitality programs. Students, at the Hospitality and Tourism centre in Niagara Falls, had interviews with the representatives in hopes of being hired as managers or supervisors in one of CP's 23 hotels.

Ms. Holbrook, head of recruiting for the hotel chain, said the best employees can make things happen. The best employees are individuals with pride, responsibility, assertiveness, neatness, vigor and the belief of total guest satisfaction.

"These are the characteristics that we are searching for in future employees."

OLD FIRM

CP hotels, being in business since 1888, is Canada's oldest hotel corporation. The corporation has hotels across Canada, including Victoria, Calgary, Montreal, Moncton, Halifax and St. John's. Coast to coast, Canada's largest hotel chain employs more than 10,000 people.

One out of 10 Canadians derives their livelihood from tourism," said Ms. Holbrook.

CP is plans several new hotels to open in 1991. The corporate office in Toronto researches possibilities in expansion and the restoration of current properties. Plans to expand into the United States are being developed.

CP has popular programs designed to keep their employees happy. "Working in the hospitality field is not easy all of the time, but it can be exciting with lots of action and rewards," Tony Cooper, food and beverage manager, said.

The Pathfinder program is open to all employees at the supervisor or management level. A potential list of all employees immediately ready to be promoted is distributed to all general managers throughout the system each month.

PROMOTIONS

"It is important to us that we promote from within," Mrs. Holbrook said.

The Career Development program was the main reason for the presentation. Representatives from CP visit campuses across Canada and interview graduating students. Successful candidates directly assume responsibility for a management or supervisory position.

"We attract good grads who can assume a position and really get their teeth into their work," Mrs. Holbrook said.

Employees are paid to go back to school as part of the Education Assistance program. If the course of study will enhance the employee's work performance, CP will refund tuition fees.

CP employees stay at CP hotels free and receive per cent off food and beverages as part of the Accomodation While on Vacation program. "Good employees need good vacations," Mrs. Holbrook said.

The Tip Us Off program refers to future business that an employee might bring to a CP hotel. If an employee brings any form of business to the hotels, he receives the commission.

What's they key to surviving in the hospitality field?

"You need a sense of humor or you won't make it," Mr. Cooper said.

Bake sale at Seaway

Leon Lowry and his friends at Tanguay Place in Welland will hold a bake sale Friday Feb. 9, at the Seaway Mall in front of Shoppers Drug Mart.

All proceeds will go directly towards the purchase of a new accessible wheelchair bus which is estimated to cost $50,000.

If you enjoy baking, now is your chance to do so for a good cause. Donations can be dropped off at the Seaway Mall in the morning or at Tanguay Place on Tanguay Avenue the day before the bake sale. All donations would be greatly appreciated.

SAC external affairs minister resigned

Tracy Luby, vice-president of external affairs, has resigned her post, but there will be no byelections.

In her resignation letter Tracy said she is quitting school, and therefore can't be a member of the council if she is not a student.

However, there will be no elections as the office manager, Donna Flutur, says it is already too late to train any person for the job.

Before she quit there was sometimes tension at Student Administrative Council (SAC) meetings because she raised issues which seemed to be not appreciated by some of the members, but which she considered important.

Tracy said the college compact disc player which has just been bought by the council should stay in the office, and not stay with any member of the council.

She also urged SAC members to be exemplary in their conduct in and out of school.

At the same meeting one of the class representatives, David Mio, was appointed to replace Tracy. However, he was not elected unanimously as Cass Howorth and Karl Anselstetter abstained. Other class representatives, who were at the meeting, were not interested in the post.

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In high places

Andy Federkow from the college maintenance department spends a lot of his time in high places — up ladders, that is, as he repaints stairwells in the Simcoe Wing. Paint on the walls had begun to flake off and a complete overhaul of the walls was required. That job will take him to some offices in Hennepin Hall next, and then back to stairwells in the Simcoe Wing again. Is a change as good as a rest?

Photo by Allan Benner

Council wants seat on budget committee

College Council voted in favor of having membership on the Budget Advisory Committee at Niagara College.

Tony Albano, faculty member, said since the role of College Council is the role of advisory to the President — "strictly from an information point of view we should have membership on the committee."

"If we don't have representation, then we really can't do our job as a College Council because we are uninformed, or at best, misinformed."

Chairman Tom Fraser explained that the Budget Advisory Committee makes preliminary suggestions with regard to the overall budget, but does not define the budget.

"What we are concerned with is that since the budget is so vital, and we are concerned with the good of the college, we would like to know ahead of time what ideas are being considered so that we may offer our suggestions," he said.

Mr. Fraser said council reports to the college president and "it can do that most effectively when the president actually shows up."

"The president is not here to take part in the discussions involved with the College Council; I think that's a mistake; I think that's inappropriate," he said. "However, we do make other recommendations."

Recommendations can be channelled through the president, or through any representative council on any committee, or to any other body.

Movie characters charming

Moonstruck is a whimsical, delightful film depicting a middle-aged woman whose life is turned upside down when she finds love. Its characters are charming Italian stereotypes, who listen to opera and Frank Sinatra. Cher plays a quiet, hardworking woman content to settle for a predictable, boring marriage to an unromantic man who wants a wife to take his mother's place. When Cher goes to tell her fiance's brother of their wedding plans, events unfold in lunatic fashion, guided by "la bella luna".

Moonstruck will enchant its audience Thursday, Feb. 8 at 12:10 p.m. in the Hamilton Room.

Microelectronics student chapter wins

A Niagara College microelectronics student chapter won second place in the educational display division at a recent international electronics symposium.

Three Niagara students, Greg Lansky, Dinesh Patel and Richard Visi, and their microelectronics instructor Richard Furbacher, travelled to the 1989 International Society of Hybrid Microelectronics symposium in Baltimore Maryland. They were the only Canadian college representatives competing against 10 American universities and colleges, Mr. Furbacher said.

The educational displays are made up of microelectronics students' projects, Mr Furbacher said. Student chapters from all over the United States competed at the 1989 Baltimore symposium, which was attended by more than 500 electronics manufacturers.

Niagara College has been taking part in annual ISHM symposiums since 1981, Mr. Furbacher said. Niagara won first place in educational display at the 1985 symposium at Anaheim, California, and in 1986, Niagara won second place in Atlanta, Georgia.

Microelectronics courses are part of the electronics engineering technology program. Niagara College is the only college in Canada with microelectronics courses and has offered them since 1976. Graduates of this program have found employment all over Canada, Mr. Furbacher said.

For the past four years, Niagara College has also conducted microelectronis workshops. These Fundamentals of Hybrid Microelectronics workshops have been attended by industry representatives from all over Canada and the United States.

Because of the demand for this high-technology specialty, Mr. Furbacher is hoping to set up a specialized three-year microelectronics program. He said the proposed program has been submitted for approval by the college.

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Local Canadiana

A 19th century cabin whispers of time when work was plenty and leisure was a privilege of poets and kings. United Empire Loyalists migrated to Canada after the American Revolution and cleared the fields of trees to sow their crops. Fences at that time were made out of felled tree stumps. This cabin at Ball's Falls is a piece of history and a piece of Canada.
Photo by Bruce Culp

New Privacy Act costs college $$$

The cost of compiling the new graduate employment statistics ran into thousands when graduates failed to return a government employment survey.

Career Services Officer Sherry Barna said a questionnaire distributed by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities to graduates last November resulted in thousands of dollars in telephone costs when it was not returned.

The former method of gathering statistics, no longer accepted under the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act, allowed Niagara College to collect statistics from third party sources. Mrs. Barna said Career Services could get information on graduates from parents and program co-ordinators without going personally to the student.

This old practice is now forbidden.

Under the Freedom of Inforamtion and Privacy Act, the new federal questionnaire guarantees a graduate's privacy. "There will be no names attached to the information," Mrs. Barna said. "When you answer the questionnaire, all that information remains confidential for statistical purposes."

Of the 884 students graduating in 1989, only about 300 sent in the questionnaire. Mr. Barna said the remaining 600 graduates had to be telephones to acquire the needed information.

"We telephoned them on weeknights from 4 to 8 p.m., and on Saturday morning from 9 to 12 a.m.," she said. The result was thousands of dollars in telephone bills and in overtime paid out to Career Service employees.

Mrs. Barna said when people graduate in May, the placement office will be sending graduates the same survey.

"We hope they will return it so that the information we can compile concerning their graduating class will help the next graduating class," she said. This will help reduce costs next year.

The data collected from the survey will help Ontario colleges determine the success of students in the workplace. It will allow all Ontario colleges to standardize the way they gather placement statistics, Mrs. Barna said.

College float

Students win $100 design to be paraded

When the Niagara College float joins all the others in parades on peninsula streets this year, it will feature a knight on horseback pulling a graduate on a podium.

Two students won $100 for designing the float and the theme for the college. Doug Klassen, 18, and Jennifer Milson, 17, are Futures students at the St. Catharines campus.

If everything goes as planned, the float will first be seen May 5 in the Blossom Festival in Niagara Falls, Larry Clark said. It is Mr. Clark, a technologist in the mechanical division, who is the motivating force in creating a college float so that Niagara will no longer be absent from regional parades.

The float will also take part in the Welland Rose Festival, and the St. Catharines Grape and Wine Festival parades.

ONLY 4

All students were invited to design a float and theme for the college. Three designs were entered by students and by a teacher.

Mr. Clark, one of the judges who chose the winning float, said, "We didn't get as many designs as we had hoped for."

SAC president, Jim Acsai, presented Doug and Jennifer with their $100 cheque on Tuesday. They will share the money as they both worked on the theme and design.

"It took us 15 hours to do the model float," Jennifer said. She and Doug are both interested in art.

Mr. Clark said Doug and Jennifer may be able to help build the final float, which will not be easy to build.

The final float, to cost $2,000, will be 20 feet long and eight feet wide. Some outside companies have already donated material, Mr. Clark said.

Business scholarship

Hard working students in Niagara College's business programs will be rewarded with two scholarships offered by the Niagara Credit Union.

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New signs, reactions unfavorable

With the arrival of the new term, signs have been put up in college entrance ways to remind students of Niagara's no-smoking policy.

The new signs read "Smoking not allowed inside. If you must smoke, please smoke outside." What was the reaction? Some students have torn them off the walls and left them crumpled on the floor.

Signs on the doors to Niagara College read "Welcome to our smoke-free college," but just inside those same doors is the stench of cigarette smoke.

"Could you please smoke outside?" one faculty member asked a student. "I could, but it's cold outside," was the response.

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NC graduates

Range of salaries, 87% find employment

By BRUCE CULP
Staff Writer

Niagara students had an 87 per cent success rate overall in finding a job after graduation last spring, and 80.01 per cent were placed in fields related to their program, a new graduate employment report says.

Although there were 884 graduates in 1989, these figures apply only to the 694 who responded to the Placement Office.

The combined statistics for students in related and unrelated full-time work was 87.46 per cent, the Graduate Employment Statistics report said.

This year's figures are somewhat lower than last year. The 1988 figures were 94 per cent in related and unrelated employment, and 92 per cent in their field.

Lower employment rates among graduates this year were attributed to a new method of standardizing the survey process among all Ontario colleges.

BY DIVISION

The report categorizes graduates into divisions, rather than schools. Graduate employment rates in the divisions were:

Applied Arts, 85.61 per cent of 132 grads,total grads 165;

Business, 92.38 per cent of 105, 125;

Comm. & Acad. Studies, 75 per cent of 20,31;

Community Services, 82.2 per cent of 236, 295;

Com/Elec/Electronic/Hort, 100 per cent of 59, 85;

Hospitality & Tourism, 97.5 per cent of 40, 52;

Manuf/Mechan/Constr, 97.56 per cent of 41, 55;

Nursing, 81.97 per cent of 61, 76.

Median salaries of specific programs were also reported in the study. A median salary is the middle salary of all those surveyed. The highest median salary was $33,347 for a nurse. Stationary Engineers took home $32,744 and Industrial Engineers earned $26,597.

The lowest median salary was Tourism (T&A) co-op at $14,834 a year. Retail Management was $15,165; Journalism-Print, $15,751; and Early Childhood Education, $15,580.

"These statistics are there so you will not be shocked," Careers Services Officer Sherry Barna said. "At least, you know what to expect." She said other students will be pleasantly surprised by what employers pay.

The report is available to anyone who wants to pick it up from the Placement Office. A small magazine will be printed within the next several weeks and will be sent to all high schools.

The graduate employment statistics from other colleges have not come in yet from the ministry.

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Feb. 16

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Sports

Some day...

Look out, Michael Jordan. In a few more years and a few more feet, five-year-old Scot Gregory could be a great basketball player. For now, he enjoys the challenge of trying to put the ball into the towering net, and like all good athletes, he occaisionally stops to assess the game plan.

Photo by Sheila McBrayne

Women's volleyball team still seeking first victory

The Niagara women's Knights came up winless again at the exhibition volleyball tournament at Redeemer on Jan. 13.

Fanshawe College of London won two matches from Niagara 15-12 and 15-9. The third team to face Niagara was the second-place Mohawk Mountaineers. Niagara came alive with an explosion of enthusiasm and team spirit that almost ended in victory. The Knights lost 15-13 and 15-10, but these two matches proved that Niagara has the will to win and the talent to do it.

"We showed a lot of promise in the last two games considering Mohawk is second in our division," coach Judy Halaiko said. "I was really impressed."

In the first set against Redeemer, the Knights lost two games straight 15-11 and 15-3. The team's new setter, Tobi Campbell, played a very tough second game in her debut in a game situation.

This was the team's second exhibition tournament this season and the team is still in search of its much needed first victory. The women's volleyball team is travelling to Kingston this weekend (Feb.2,3,) for their first league tournament.

Athletic dept. seeks feedback

Niagara College students are being asked for their suggestions in a survey aimed at evaluating the college's athletic department.

Peter Rylander, director of athletics, said the results of the survey will help him in assessing the needs of the college's athletes.

"There's always the questions of are we keeping up? Should we change activities? And are the athletes satisfied with what we're offering."

The survey is done every few years to check the programs offered to the students. The Student Sevices office initiated the survey.

"If 500 students wanted horseshoe pitching, we'd try to organize it, but if two people wanted cricket, I doubt if you'd ever see it," Mr. Rylander said.

The survey forms are available at the athletic department in the Mackenzie building and a copy is included in this edition of Niagara News. Completed forms are to be returned to the athletic department, or to the Student Services office in ME-103, Merritt Wing, by Feb. 12.

"We rely mostly on word-of-mouth and experience," Mr. Rylander said. He urged students to fill out the survey.

NIAGARA COLLEGE STUDENT SURVEY
ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

[A] INTRAMURALS

1. Are you aware of the intramural activities offered by the college? Yes [ ] No [ ]
2. Did you participate in any intramural activity? Yes [ ] No [ ]
3. Did you feel that the intramural program satisfied your needs? Yes [ ] No [ ]
4. Do you have further suggestions for the improvement of intramural activities, ie, facilities, time, activities offered, etc.?
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[B] VARSITY

1. Are you aware of the varsity activities offered by the college? Yes [ ] No [ ]
2. Are you satisfied with the activities offered? Yes [ ] No [ ]
3. If no, to #2, what other activities should be offered?
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[C] RECREATION

1. Do you use our facilities on your free time? Yes [ ] No [ ]
2. Would you like to improve the present facilities and if so - how?
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3. If the college was able to expand, what new and/or better facilities would you like to see here?
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Curling teams sweep medals

Niagara's curling contingent came home with three medals from the Mohawk College Hap Holman Bonspiel, Sunday at the Dundas Valley Country Club.

Niagara's men's team won a silver medal in the varsity division, second only to Mohawk's men's team, skipped by Todd Brandwood. The college mixed team came second in the same division to capture the bronze.

A team representing Niagara's faculty finished second in the staff division of the bonspiel, earning Niagara its second silver of the day.

Niagara's men's team had some success the previous day, finishing third in the Big Daddy Steak Spiel at the Port Colborne Curling Club.

The men's team consists of Steve Strong, Kris Gowdy, Ron Ireland and John Blackwell.

Linda Boryska, Victor Spiers, Cindy Evans and Greg Upshaw made up the mixed team in Dundas and the faculty team was skipped by Bob Young with Bill Bender, Laurie Anne Fallis and Gowdy backing him.

Knights take first

By JOHN BLACKWELL
Staff Writer

There seems to be no stopping the Niagara Knights hockey team these days.

The Big Blue Machine has extended its win streak to nine games in recent Inter-Collegiate Hockey League play.

The highlight of the season to date came Jan. 19 when the Knights downed Penn State University 5-4 in overtime in a battle for first place. That game, combined with victories over Erie Community College and the University of Buffalo and a 12-1 thrashing of University of Rochester on the road last Friday, leaves the Knights in a first-place tie with Erie holding three games in hand.

Lance Parcher led the Knights in the Penn State game, netting three of the five goals including the overtime winner. Jim Denardi and Mike Martineau added the other two.

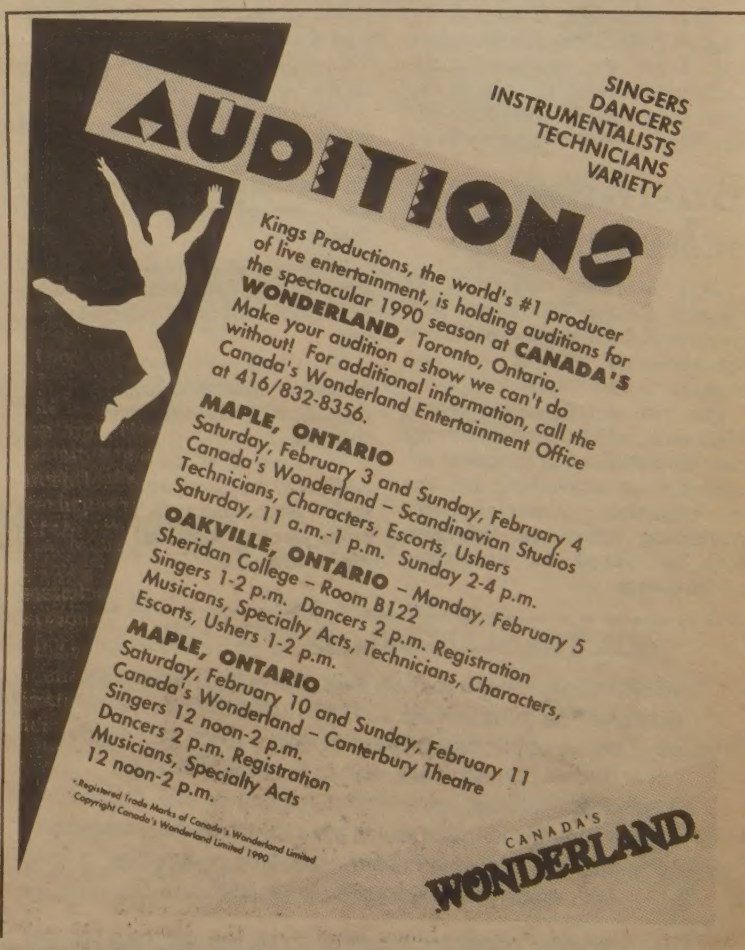
TWO MORE

Parcher scored two more in the Knights 7-4 victory over the University of Buffalo at Sabreland Jan. 25. Dave Mooridian also had two for Niagara as the Knights piled up a 7-2 lead after two periods before UB tightened up the score. Brian Rome, Chris Brownell and Martineau rounded out the scoring for the winners.

The next night the Knights held target practice at the University of Rochester which offered no more than token resistance in their 12-1 drubbing. Brian Rome had the hat trick for the Knights while James Ward added two more. Kent Loach, Joe Passero, Brownell, Jeff Mazi, and Dave and Mike Mooridian completed the massacre.

Dave Mooridian had two more goals and James Ward also had a couple when Niagara downed Erie 6-3 at home Jan. 13. Jim Beattie and Dan Ruetz were the other goal scorers.

The Knights see action Saturday at 8 o'clock at the Welland arena against UB. The Knights are also at home next Saturday with an 8 o'clock game against Rochester. Admission to the games is free.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CANADA'S WONDERLAND

Penn State Nittany Lions tamed by Niagara Knights

By JOHN BLACKWELL
Staff Writer

Players clutch and grab in front of the Penn State goalie as Mike Martineau of the Knights carries the puck behind the net.

Photo by John Blackwell

Canadians know hockey; Americans learn hockey.

The difference was demonstrated recently when the Penn State Nittany Lions came down to tangle with Niagara's Knights for first place in the Inter-Collegiate Hockey League.

The Americans didn't so much visit, as they did invade the sleepy Welland arena on the Friday night, a well-rehearsed army dedicated to the cause of victory.

The team from State College, Penn, is a sharp, technical well-drilled collection of local boys, almost all from the home state, playing for their varsity letter at a school that is a sports institution. Their brethren, The Nittany Lions football team, were national champions in 1988 under coaching legend Joe Paterno.

Unlike coach Paterno's team, Joe Battista's Hockey Lions toil at a foreigner's game, without the financial backing of scholarships.

Nevertheless, the volunteers form a dedicated army looking to down the Canadian team at its own game. Although they hold a one-point lead over the Knights before the first meeting of the teams this season, the Lions enter the game as first-place underdogs.

As well-drilled as the foreigners are, the home team is talented, natural, physical. Despite having a strength coach listed among the Lions' four-man coaching brigade, Niagara is bigger and stronger. And far less exact.

RECORDS SHOTS

Ann Marshalek likes hockey. She must. Miss Marshalek is a Penn State student travelling with the Lions on this three-day road trip to the true north, diligently recording every shot on net for analysis by the American coaching staff.

"You're serious about this?" she's asked.

"Yeah," she replied, seemingly puzzled that one might not be.

"You get paid for this?"

"No"

Her reward?

"We get to spend a fun-filled weekend with these guys."

To an American hockey fan, a fun-filled weekend consists of Friday night in beautiful downtown Welland and a Saturday stopover in Kitchener, Ont.

LINE ON LINE

"Blue line," assistant coach Tom Dixon barks, drowning out the crowd of 100 amassed in the Welland arena. Half the audience accompanied the Lions on their international road trip. Obediently, the Red line flocked to the bench and the Blue line washed over the boards to replace them.

The coach clicked his stopwatch — quartz precision times the changing of the guards.

The home team changed one, two, occasionally three men at a time. A player fell on his way off the ice. His replacement had already played the puck. Niagara had too many men on the ice. Mike Soucie, assigned by the ICHL to keep order this evening, was charitable. He kept his arm down.

After falling behind by a 1-0 count, the Lions tied the score midway through the second period. There was exhilaration — hugs and high fives all around.

The visiting fans erupted. A poster hanging from the press box reads "Go Penn State Ice Hockey."

One supposes that at Penn State, the field hockey team had its own banner.

The Lions' centre checked with a defenceman, his captain, before lining up for the face-off. The captain nodded, both understanding how the pre-diagrammed play is to unfold. The centre promptly lost the draw.. A man can learn what to do on a face-off, but he can't learn how to win the draw.

DOWNED BANNER

The banner was shifted from the press box to a position behind the Niagara goal where it was to more effectively inspire the visitors. Between periods, however, a Canadian player took offence and ripped it down. The act of defiance awakened the local fans. They responded with cheers of approval.

With seven minutes remaining in the game, the Knights tried to sit on their 4-2 lead. A well-trained American power play cut the margin to one. There was a buzz of excitement from behind the Lions' bench.

. A minor skirmish brough offsetting minor penalties. Soucie advissed the visitors' bench that it could field five skaters for the duration of the sentences.

A Canadian fan, taking his cue from an offended Knight, stole a second pro-Penn State banner.

There was less than three minutes on the clock when the team from the school in the town called State College tied the score. The American bench emptied and no one missed the banners. The clock ticked to overtime.

With 1:17 left on the overtime clock, Lance Parcher of Canada converted a pass into an empty American net. The game was over, the home team 5-4 winners. There was joy, but not jubilation.

The players shook hands in an act of international goodwill.

There were smiles and handshakes in the Canadian dressing room but no hugs. Down the hall the visitors dressing room was sprinkled with looks of resignation.

"A win is always nice and a loss is always tough," coach Battista said. It's the Lions second "tough" night of the season.

Four coaches, two volunteer statisticians, the Blue line, Red line, Black line and a quartz watch weren't enough to beat a team that knows hockey. The visitors forfeited first place.

A two-hour bus ride, a game in Kitchener, a six-hour trip home and the fun-filled weekend was over.

PENN STATE COACH JOE BATTISTA

Another wave of Nittany Lions head over the boards to do battle with Knights. The proceedings are carefully timed by assistant coach Tom Dixon.

Despite the efforts, Penn State were 5-4 overtime losers to Niagara.

Proceeds support women's shelter

More than $300 was raised on Jan. 19 and 20 from games between Niagara Knights hockey team, Penn State and Welland High School All - Stars team. The proceeds will go to Welland shelter for abused women.

Knights coach Fred Bassi said $300 was raised from the sale of tickets and he is still waiting for high school captains to bring in money collected from the gates.

Adele Tanguay, executive director of Women's Place, said she is very grateful for what the teams have done. While the shelter receives government funding, it has to raise 20 per cent of that money to meet its budget.

Women's Place provides counselling services to battered women and children who have been in crisis situations."Most people have misconceptions of the place and think it is only for married women." She said it provides help to everybody including women abused by their boyfriends.

Ms. Tanguay said an anonymous telephone line provides counselling. Those who call include men who abuse their wives or girlfriends and want to stop, but don't know how. The shelter is, however, only for women and children.

Mr. Bassi said the All - Star Team is composed of the best players from the city's high schools and the Knights play them every year for a different cause. Women's Place was this year's choice.

ICHL STANDINGS

	W	L	T	Pts
Niagara	10	2	0	20
Erie C.C.	10	5	0	20
Conestoga	8	5	0	16
Penn St.	6	5	1	13
Buff St.	4	6	1	9
U. of B.	2	8	0	4
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BRTV students cover Gravenhurst auction

By ELIZABETH YATES
Staff Writer

Thump

It's 6:45 a.m. on a bone-chilling -20C December morning. Burrowed under the covers, tired radio- and television-broadcasting students ignore the first ignomious summons for them to brave the frigid air of their rooms in the Ontario Fire College.

Thump

G-r-r-o-a-n-n.....Thinking of the full day ahead, they crawl out of bed and stumble towards breakfast. It seems as if the security guards at the college take a particular delight in rousing them from slumber by rapping at the door.

The 11 hand-picked second and third-year BRTV students are in Gravenhurst to take care of the technical details of the annual "gigantic" Rotary Club Pre-Christmas television auction.

"We provide the mobile television facilities and manpower to run them," and Gravenhurst's Cable 10 provides the "on-air talent," Larry Taylor, RTV program co-ordinator, said.

NINTH YEAR

This is the ninth year Niagara College has participated in the auction. It started when a former Welland fireman, Fred Collins, went to work at the Ontario Fire College in Gravenhurst.

Mr. Collins suggested that the cable company contact the college BRTV department, and Niagara College crews have produced the show ever since.

"All our expenses are covered, and they put us up at the fire college residence," Mr. Taylor said. There is a plug for the BRTV program on the brochure, which carries the college logo. "It's a good college promotional piece.

"It's really good training for students, because if they've forgotten some piece of equipment they can't just go to the studio next door for a replacement."

The students get out of the school environment, into the community, and get a foretaste of life after graduation, he said.

A lot of pre-production planning is involved in the show before the crew even arrives in Gravenhurst.

"The hard work and effort come in once you get there," Mitch Lackie, a third-year RTV student majoring in television. Mitch was on "the weekend from Hell" which he described as a real challenge. "You use everthing you have ever learned and then some, and make up new rules along the way.

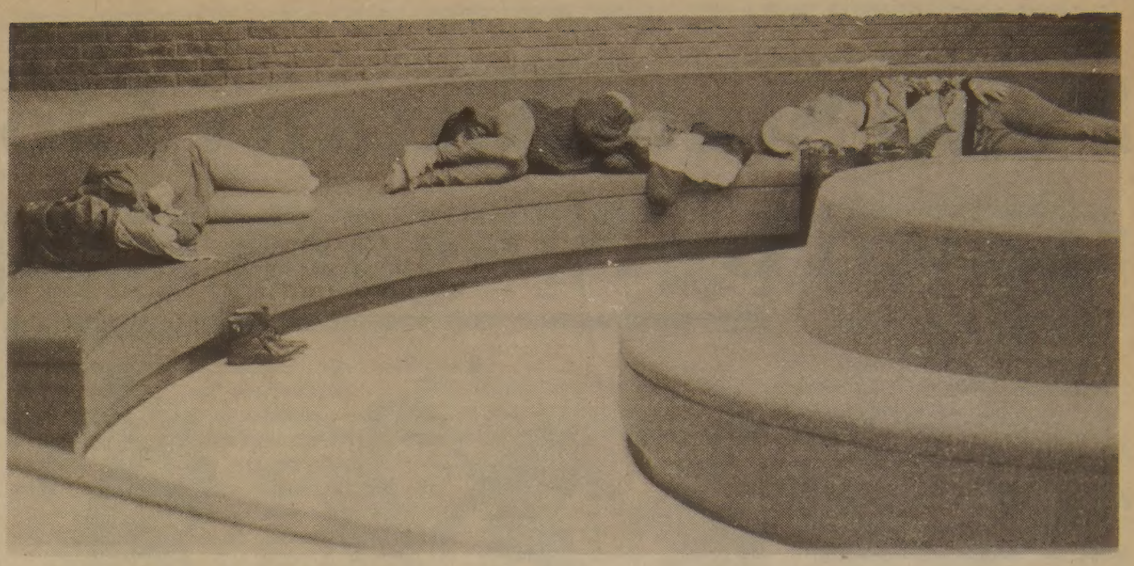
The crew arrived in Gravenhurst, which is more than 100 miles north of Toronto, the evening of Friday, Dec. 1. Saturday morning they were in the studio at 9:30 a.m. to set things up — cameras, lights, microphones, and equipment wiring. They finished around 5 p.m. and retired to the residence to unwind. "Shuffleboard is our (crew's) national sport," Mitch said.

Sunday was the real test: Would all their preparation, dedication and hard work pay off? Early that morning, everyone was in the studio and rehersals and run-throughs were done with the cast in place. Then, at 1 p.m., they went live — without breaks — until 8 p.m.

"The last couple of hours are the hardest — you are forcing yourself to stay alert, and the equipment has been going full tilt for seven hours," Mitch said.

"It gets intense at times." There were no serious technical problems this year, and the only hitch was the loss of three microphones for a second-and-a-half. "Each year gets better and better," he said. By the time all the equipment was packed up, it was 9:30 p.m., and time to rest.

The auction put the students "in actual broadcast conditions which cannot be duplicated in school," Mr. Taylor said. And, it's for a good cause: this year more than $20,000 was raised by the service club auction of donated products. These funds will be used by the Rotary Club for community and international projects.



Couch potatoes

Anxiously awaiting their next class, three unidentified students find a way to pass their time in Simcoe building's second floor lounge. Second term is only a few days old, but some of Niagara College's populace have apparently been working themselves to exhaustion. A valuable lesson can be learned from this scene: remove your shoes before nodding off — other people have to sleep there, too.

Photo by Scott Tracey

From Page One

Plans for future

The first step in implementing the plan took place Jan. 25 and 26. Presentations were held to ensure staff are aware of the contents of the Strategic Plan and the planning process.

The second step will be to identify achievable objectives. "Some will clearly have to be deferred until measuring implements are in place," Mr. Repar said.

The President's Operating Committee will select a limited number of the objective to set the 1990-91 operating plan which will be announced early March. At the same time the wheels will be set in motion to implement the rest of the objectives.

The plan's main focus is to increase the profile of the college in the community by fostering greater participation in day-to-day college life from staff and students. "A college can't wander all over the place," Mr. Repar said. "They've got to chart a course."

"I'd be disappointed for a lot of people who contributed to the plan if it did not get implemented."

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